

ADULT CLASSES CLOSE

All adult classes of the Torrance Evening High School will close for the holidays on Friday, Dec. 17, according to Al Applegate, principal. Classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 3.

TWO NEW FIREMEN

Virgil E. Newman and Mitchell Barosh were appointed city firemen by the City Council Tuesday night, effective Dec. 17, at a starting rate of \$242 per month.

The reality of life is in the living tissue of it from day to day, not in the expectation of better, nor in the fear of worse. Those two things, to be always looking ahead and to worry over things that haven't yet happened—these take the very essence out of life. — Stephen Leacock.

A story is told of a young man, who called one evening on an old farmer to ask him how it was he had become rich. "It is a long story," said the old man, "and while I am telling it we might as well save the candle." And he put it out. "You need not tell the story," said the youth. "I understand." —The Speaker's Desk Book.

Chancel Choir Will Present Yule Cantata

"The Heavenly Child," a Christmas cantata, will be presented by the First Christian Church Chancel Choir this Sunday evening, Dec. 19, at 7:30 o'clock. The program, under the direction of Bert Brimley, choir director will be in the main auditorium of the church. Immediately following the cantata, an impressive candlelight ceremony and Christmas carol singing will be held. On the following evening, Monday, Dec. 20, at 7 o'clock, the Bible school will present its Christmas program in pageant and song. Everyone is invited to attend these joyful Christmas programs.

Choir Will Offer Sacred Music Event

"The Birth of Christ," a sacred cantata by Ira B. Wilson, will be presented this Sunday Christmas Sunday by the choir of Central Evangelical United Brethren Church at 7:30 p.m. The choir is directed by Mrs. Irene Sage and accompanied by Mrs. Hilda Findley at the organ. The cantata includes many fine vocal and feature arrangements. Soloists include Charles Curtiss, Wilma Hickerson, Winifred Brass, and Irene Sage. Mrs. Findley and Mrs. Betty Young will present an organ and piano duet. In the morning worship service the Rev. H. Wesley Roloff will bring a Christmas message on the theme, "God's Quest for Us." There will be special music by the choir.

Pre-Christmas Services Set

Evangelist Wilma Zimmerman, who has been in the evangelistic ministry for many years on the coast and in the east, will conduct three days of special evangelistic services in Torrance Foursquare Church, 1207 El Prado, beginning tomorrow, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Zimmerman will be assisted in the services by Evangelists Dunn and Holt, vocalists who also whistle, play guitar, and have a portable Hammond organ. Everyone is cordially invited. The Torrance Sunday school will present its program Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 7:30 p.m. There will be treats for everyone. Buses will collect the boys and girls. The Crusader Youth will present a beautiful Christmas play Sunday night, Dec. 26.

Funeral for R. F. Howard Held Monday

Funeral services for Ronald Francis Howard, 40, of 2268 Torrance boulevard, who was found dead in his automobile last Thursday, were held Monday afternoon in the chapel of Stone & Myers Mortuary. Police said they found the body of Howard seated in his automobile in the garage at his home. A length of garden hose was fastened to the exhaust pipe and led into the window of the car, investigating officers said. Howard was formerly a shipping clerk at Oak Aircraft company and was for nine years with the Allen Paul Plymouth-DeSoto dealers here. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 447. Officiating at the services were the Rev. Lawrence E. Warren and the Rev. H. Wesley Roloff. Interment in the Inglewood Park Cemetery followed the services. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Albert Howard, Torrance; sister, Mrs. Reba N. Ray, Torrance; niece, Mrs. Pauline Marshall, Torrance; uncles and aunts, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pierce, Torrance; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Minner, Fontana.

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Wagners Set Sunday School Class for Area

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wagner of Hammerton tract announce the opening Jan. 2, 1949, of the Hammerton Tract Union Sunday School. The Sunday School will be held for the present where the GrayWags hold their club meetings, although the Sunday school will be independent of the club and will be under sponsorship of the American Sunday School Union, a Fundamental Christian organization which has been doing missionary Sunday School work in the rural sections of America for more than 130 years. It is interdenominational. John R. Charlton, field worker for this area, assures the group of plenty of well-trained Christian helpers in this pioneer project. Hammerton tract is situated in the county between Torrance and Gardena. For many boys and girls it is impossible to secure transportation to either city to attend Sunday school. It is primarily for these that the project is being organized, but all are welcome and cordially invited to attend. Mrs. Leo Wagner will teach the class.

Methodists Reveal Plans

Special Christmas services will mark the coming week at the First Methodist Church, immediately preceding Christmas, it is announced. The schedule follows: Sunday, Dec. 19: 11 a.m. Annual Christmas worship service with both the junior and senior choirs providing special music. "A Child in the Lead" will be the sermon subject. 5 p.m. The choir will sing the Christmas cantata, "The Heavenly Child," by Bernard Hamblen. All are invited to this beautiful cantata. The service will conclude with the usual candle lighting ceremony. Monday, Dec. 20: 2:30 to 4 p.m. Christmas story hour and party for children of the primary and junior departments. Games and refreshments will be part of the program. Friday, Christmas Eve, at 7 o'clock, Christmas carolers will meet at the church to proceed with the singing of carols through the community.

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